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SUBJECT: GOI THREAT TO PAN AM FLIGHTS BEYOND ROME

REF: ROME 14597

1. DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER EMBASSY SUGGESTION FURTHER BUT FOR TIME BEING BELIEVES WE SHOULD STAND WHERE WE ARE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. IF PAN AM HAD USED 747 AIRCRAFT BEYOND ROME LAST SUMMER AS IT PLANNED THERE WOULD BE NO CURRENT DISPUTE, THAT IS, PAN AM COULD OPERATE DAILY 747 BEYOND ROME THIS SUMMER WITH FULL CAPACITY OF ALMOST 400 SEATS AVAILABLE (AT LEAST THEORETICALLY) FOR FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC. US HAS ALREADY COMPROMISED BY AGREEING PAN AM WOULD NOT CARRY MORE THAN AVERAGE OF 180 FIFTH FREEDOM PASSENGERS PER FLIGHT.

B. BASIC GOI OBJECTIVE IS DENY OR AT LEAST REDUCE RIGHTS
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OF US AIRLINES TO OPERATE BEYOND ROME. UK HAD SAME OBJECTIVE IN BERMUDA II NEGOTIATIONS AND FRG, JAPAN AND FRENCH ARE FOLLOWING SUIT. WE ARE UNDER ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL THREATS FROM LATTER THREE TO REDUCE US AIRLINE FIFTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS. A PATTERN OF CONSISTENCY IN RESISTING THESE PRESSURES IS, IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, IMPORTANT TO

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ACHIEVEMENT OF US OBJECTIVES.

2. PAN AM HAS ASSURED US THAT IT IS ABLE, AND WILL,
COMPLY WITH FREEZE LIMITS ON SEASONAL BASIS. CHRISTOPHER

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